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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING  
FUEL CELL PURGE CYCLES**

Enclosed are also:

- X 2 sheets of formal drawings.
- X Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, with Form PTO-1449.

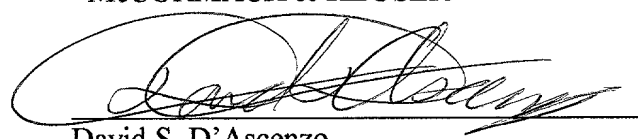
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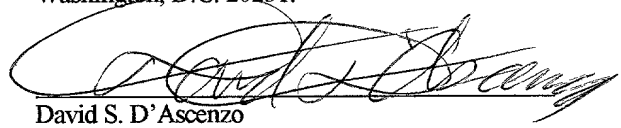
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